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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the restriction requirement dated January 17, 1996, Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute the invention identified as Group II, Claims 13-24, drawn to polynucleotides, vectors, host cells, and methods of producing polypeptides, without traverse.

Below, Applicants are amending the claims corresponding to Claims 13-24 to clarify the claimed invention. Applicants are also requesting amendment of Figure 25. No new matter is being introduced by any of the requested amendments.

Please make the following amendments:

In the Figures

Please amend FIG. 25 as indicated on the attached copy of FIG. 25.

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1-66 and add the following new Claims 36-46:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D. 20231, on the date appearing below.

February 16, 1996

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